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A DUTY on Stock in Hand
UPON
DRUGS, COFFEE, and TEA.

THE Dealers in theſe Commodities are very Numerous, *viz. Druggiſts*, *Apothecaries*, *Grocers*, and many other Trades both in Town and Country. And

DRUGS conſiſting of ſeveral Hundred Particulars, inſurmountable Difficulties will ariſe in Accompting for the Duties thereon: And beſides there are ſeveral Sorts of Drugs in the Traders Hands, whoſe Uſe is ſo much Abated of late Years, that they are not worth Half of the Duty now laid on them by the Bill brought into *the Honourable Houſe of Commons*.

COFFEE and TEA, now in Hand, having been Bought at very high Prices by Reaſon of their Scarcity; And **double the Quantities**, of what has of late Years been Imported, being ſuddenly Expected, (of which there are certain Advices) it will be utterly Impracticable to Advance the Prices: And conſequently this Tax, upon **Stock in hand**, will be a Loſs of 20 *l. per Cent.* upon them.

THE Taxing **Stock in hand** of Foreign Commodities, Diſcourages all Free Buyers, and conſequently Importation; which muſt be a Loſs to Her MAJESTY in Her Cuſtoms, and to the Nation in general; and make *Holland* the only Magizine of Goods in *Europe*: And **Stock in hand** of Foreign Goods being not capable of Increaſe, the future Revenue, ariſing by Importation, can ſuffer no Dimunition tho' **Stock in hand** be not Rated, and ſo no neceſſity of doing it can be Alledged.

FOR theſe Reaſons, and alſo becauſe the **Annual Fund** *is* **unqueſtionably Sufficient** *to Anſwer the Sum to be Raiſed, It is humbly Hoped, that no Duty will be laid on the preſent* **Stock in Hand** *of* Drugs, Coffee, *and* Tea.

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